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Attention: Susan A. Hutcheson

Dear Ms. Hutcheson:

Re: Canadian Patent Application No. 316,358
Cigarette Filter System of
Filosa and Claflin *PM 706*

This application has now been examined again in the Patent Office and we are enclosing the communication which has been received. You will note that a reply must be filed on or before November 15 of this year, a shortened period for response of three months having been set.

The Examiner has reapplied Canadian Patent No. 921,790 and has cited five U.S. patents, all of which were considered during the U.S. prosecution. The Examiner is rejecting claims 1, 7, 9 and 11 in view of the teachings of this prior art and he has advised that he does not consider the remaining claims contain any subject matter which would lend patentability thereto. We must amend the claims and/or traverse this rejection by the Examiner.

The Examiner is objecting to claim 7 as being directed to a different invention, if a limitation found in claims 1, 9 and 11 is not contained therein. There must be a broad claim in the application which does not contain a recitation not found in the other claims.

We will now await receipt from you of instructions which will enable us to prepare and file a reply on or before the due date of November 15.

Yours very truly

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